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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BROWN of Maryland).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 30, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANTHONY G. BROWN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Great is Your faithfulness, eternal God of all creation. As the years go by, while our attentions stay absorbed on the here and now, You remain sovereign over all our days.

We cannot even fathom the immensity of what You do from one year to the next, let alone what You have done from the beginning of time to its end.

Much has transpired, both good and ill, in this year 2021. We have lived and thrived in Your grace, and by Your great mercy we have not been consumed.

As we reflect on all that has taken place in these Chambers, in our country, and in our own lives, grant us hearts of overflowing gratitude for the outpouring of the blessings You have granted us, and produce a harvest of righteousness in the discipline You have conferred on us.

Redeem the memories we lay before You and grant Your favor on the hopes we hold for our future. Kindle in our hearts the deep desire for the eternity You lay before us. To You whose unfailing love never ends, and in the

great faithfulness of Your name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SERGEANT AT ARMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 21, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, following consultation with the Office of Attending Physician, I write to provide you further notification that the public health emergency due to the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 remains in effect.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. WALKER,
Sergeant at Arms.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the extension, pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 8,

and effective December 31, 2021, of the "covered period" designated on January 4, 2021.

REAPPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO THE UNITED STATES-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's reappointment, effective January 1, 2022, pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), as amended, and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, of the following individual on the part of the House to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2023:

Ms. Carolyn Bartholomew, Washington, D.C.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY, Republican Leader:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 30, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER, Pursuant to 22 USC § 7002, I am pleased to appoint the following individual to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission:

Mr. Alex N. Wong, Wyckoff, New Jersey.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Republican Leader.

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